

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claim 17 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend and claims 1, 6-7 and 18 so that the current status of all claims is as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for managing digital images, comprising:
a plurality of user computers each having an image storage device having at least one image file of an image, said user computers identifying at least one authorized third party that may have access to said at least one image file; and
a server for allowing controlled access to said at least image file stored on said user image storage device, said server capable of communicating with said plurality of user computers over a communication network and receiving the identified at least one authorized third party that may access to the stored image file wherein said identification of said at least one authorized third party occurs by providing a low resolution image file of said image to said at least one authorized third party, said server controlling access to said at least one digital file on said computer when said at least one authorized third party places a request to said server to access said at least one image file whereby said server first accesses said at least one image file on said user computer and then forwards said at least one image file to said third party without any further authorization by said user.
2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1 wherein said at least one digital image file includes an electronic address for identifying that image came from said user computer.
3. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1 wherein said third party pays an access fee for use and/or down loading of said image from said user image file.
4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A computer software product for managing digital images stored on a user computer, said software product comprising a computer readable storage medium having a computer program which when loaded into a server causes the server to perform the following steps of:

receiving authorization by said server from said user identifying a third party that may access to digital images stored on said user computer, wherein said identification of said authorized third party occurs by providing a low resolution image file of said image to said at least one authorized third party;

allowing controlled access by said server to said digital images stored on said user computer, said server capable of communicating with a plurality of user computers

controlling access to said at least one digital image file stored on said user computer by said server when said server receives a request from said authorized third party to access to said at least one image file whereby said server first access said at least one image file and then forwards said at least one image file to said third party without any further authorization by said user.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling access to digital image files on a user computer by third parties over a communication network by server of a, comprising the steps of:

receiving authorization by said server from said user identifying a third party that may access to digital images stored on said user computer, wherein said identification of said at least one authorized third party occurs by providing a low resolution image file of said image to said at least one authorized third party;

allowing controlled access by said server to said digital images stored on said user computer, said server capable of communicating with a plurality of user computers;

controlling access to said at least one digital image file stored on said user computer by said server when said server receives a request from said authorized third party to access to said at least one image file whereby said server

first accesses said at least one image file and then forwards said at least one image file to said third party without any further authorization by said user.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim ~~17~~ 1 wherein said request of said third party comprises using said low resolution image for requesting access to a high resolution image file of said image.

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7 wherein said identification of said at least one authorized third party occurs by providing a low resolution image file of said image to said at least one authorized third party.

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 19 wherein said request of said third party comprises using said low resolution image for requesting access to a high resolution image file of said image.

21. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7 wherein said third party pays an access fee for use and/or down loading of said image from said user image file.